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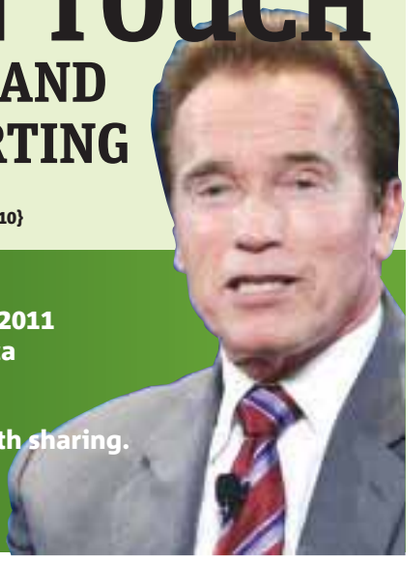

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Protecting vulnerable Manitobans from abuse

MORGAN MODJESKI

▶ Val Surbey, president of Community Living Manitoba, addresses media as Gord Mackintosh, minister of family services and consumer affairs, looks on.

Those convicted of an offence would be added to registry automatically ◗ Alleged abusers go before registry committee

The provincial government announced yesterday a new registry and tougher legislation would help protect Manitobans with intellectual disabilities.

The adult abuse registry, the first of its kind in Canada, will include the names of those who reportedly abuse or neglect vulnerable Manitobans, allowing employers to screen out abusers.

"There are about, on average, 180 allegations every year about abuse and neglect directed against Manitobans with intellectual disabilities ... this registry will be another layer of protection for vulnerable Manitobans," said Gord Mackintosh, minister of family services and consumer affairs.

The president of Community Living Manitoba, Val Surbey, told media since some vulnerable members of society have trouble communicating when they are abused, the registry is another way to help protect those who can't protect themselves.

Alongside the registry, new legislation makes abusing or neglecting Manitobans with an intellectual disability an offence.

It will also be an offence not to take reasonable steps to protect Manitobans with intellectual disabilities and that all Manitobans have a duty to report abuse.

"People with disabilities have the right to live free from abuse and neglect and it's our responsibility to ensure our most vulnerable citizens are safe and can participate in their communities without fear."

GORD MACKINTOSH, MINISTER OF FAMILY SERVICES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

This legislation also includes harsher punishments, increasing maximum fines from $2,000 per person to $50,000 and an increase of maximum jail time from six months to two years.

"This is a really important tool and this is really important legislation," said Dr. Carl Stephens, director of St. Amant Centre.

"Employers are going to see this legislation does have teeth and it does help them prevent problems."

The registry is expected to be up and running by spring of 2012.

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Flood-weary can only wait, worry

Intentional dike breach could happen today Homeowners wonder where advance warning was

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With their tidy rural home on a berm now girded in parts by sandbags, Penny Wilson is — like many in her area — locked in a worrisome holding pattern of wait and see.

Less than a kilometre from her family's home in Southport, Man., on a road curiously named Hoop and Holler Bend, provincial crews and heavy machines toil.

Along that road, provincial flood fighters prepare to cut a hole in a dike that's holding back the swollen Assiniboine River.

The move will intentionally swamp about 150 homes over a 250-square-kilometre area.

It's a drastic measure that will help save many more hundreds, the province believes.

But just how it will all work remains a mystery to many, including Wilson.

The mechanics of it "mystifies" her and many others in the area, she said.

"We're talking hundreds of thousands of litres of water here," Wilson said.

"I don't know how they plan on controlling it or how well that's going to work."

Flood officials haven't told how much water area residents should expect, and officials gave just a day's notice of the dike-cutting plan, she said.

"I hate to sound fatalistic, but Mother Nature will do what she wants. We'll just go on living."
STEVE WILSON

Wilson said she's worried most about area farmers and greenhouses.

"They may lose everything," she said. "They'll lose the ability to make a living for themselves for maybe two or three years."

Gavin Miller, a farmer near Oakville east of Southport, said if the intentional flooding gets really bad, he'll be unable to plant a crop this year.

"It's getting late enough now just with the regular rains," he said.

"You throw the water floating across the top ... (and) you're just wasting money going to the field."

Water flow

Emergency Measures Minister Steve Ashton said water will flow slowly from the dike breach and will be inches, not a "tidal wave."

The dike breach will be held off as long as possible but will happen by noon today at the latest.

JAMES TURNER/METRO

▶ The might of machines and man toil yesterday at the site where the province plans to cut a dike at Hoop and Holler Bend — and flood 150 homes to prevent greater flooding.

Winnipeg won't become like Brandon: City

A report prepared for the city yesterday says it's in little danger of dealing with the level of flooding currently being seen in Brandon, despite the highest volumes of water seen on the Assiniboine River in 300 years.

The report, done by a flood protection engineer with the city's Water and Waste Department, states the city is currently evaluating the situation and has delivered "a small number of sandbags (Tuesday) to a couple of properties that require protection on the north side of the Assiniboine River in St. James. Their dikes are now in place."

The report also states the city is keeping an eye on Charleswood to make sure their land drainage systems are not overwhelmed.

People with dikes in place along the Assiniboine River currently are being told to leave them in place.

In addition, property owners should be aware of the increased risk of basement flooding. ELISHA DACEY

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Preparing for a rowdy crowd

Local bars say they're ramping up security in preparation for summer crowds.

"In the summer, people are obviously a little more feisty," said Republic nightclub owner Jack Moslehi. "The people who like to fight are less likely to fight when it's 40 below out."

But, Moslehi said the club is one of the most proactive in the city when it comes to security.

"We've got roughly 32 cameras that capture both the indoors and outdoors (of the club) so you can't do anything around the area and not be on film."

Trained staff members also do thorough searches after monitoring patrons' behaviour while they wait to get into the club. Once inside, all patrons are told to look into a camera so every person in the bar is documented on film.

Not all clubs need to amp up security, however. Owner for the Kingshead Pub said he sees less people in the summer and because of the crowd the pub attracts, security has never been an issue.

"We only have our door person on and we've been like that for the last 10 years," said Jay Khanuja. "We've never had a physical person in terms of a bouncer in our 22-year existence."

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Motorists asked to be 'courteous'

Police are asking everyone, whether cyclist or motorist, to abide by the law

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As outcry from Winnipeg's cyclist community continues to surface over tickets received for biking on sidewalks, Winnipeg Police Services is asking motorists to be more "courteous" to cyclists.

"The Winnipeg Police Service reminds motorists to be cautious and share the roadway with cyclists," said Const. Jason Michalyshen, WPS spokesperson.

"With warmer weather comes an increase volume of bicycle traffic."

Michalyshen told reporters the announcement was related to the recent tickets given to cyclists around the city and said the laws are for safety purposes only, adding the WPS is not trying to target cyclists.

"We have received numerous complaints recently as we typically do this at this time of year with regards to pedestrians, bicycles and vehicle traffic," said Michalyshen. "Like any complaint that we have received from the public, we would act on it and this is just another area."

Michalyshen said one situation had involved individuals who were visually impaired having a confrontation with a person on a bicycle, but could not provide specifics.

MORGAN MODJESKI/FOR METRO

▶ Const. Jason Michalyshen addresses media.

Police investigate suspicious death

Winnipeg police say they're looking into the death of a man that may be homicide.

At about 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Winnipeg police headed to a house in the 200 block of Austin Street North, where they found a 46-year-old deceased male.

Const. Jason Michalyshen said a nearby resident called police and members of the homicide unit are investigating the case.

No arrests have been made at this time.

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News in brief

Man arrested after break-ins

CHARGED. Michael Victor Mikolajczyk, 30, has been arrested after allegedly breaking into several businesses between August 2008 and October 2010, police said. Mikolajczky has been charged with 10 counts of break and enter, and other crimes, including kidnapping.

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Suspects sought in bank robbery

SUSPECTS. Police were called to a bank in East Kildonan in the 1100 block of Rothesay Street for a reported robbery. Police seek two male suspects.

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News in pictures

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1 Ninety-four doctors will graduate from the University of Manitoba today in a convocation ceremony held in the atrium of the Brodie Centre at 10:30 a.m. ELISHA DACEY

2 The Winnipeg Goldeyes will get national exposure thanks to a deal with Shaw TV that will see 19 games broadcast across Canada. ELISHA DACEY

3 St. James NDP MLA Bonnie Korzeniowski announced yesterday she will not be seeking re-election in the fall. ELISHA DACEY

4 The Winnipeg Police service is looking to locate Kurtis Brian Joseph Hastings, 24, who is wanted for breaching conditions of his parole. ELISHA DACEY

5 Robert Moffatt and his father, John, are Manitoba's latest millionaires after they found a ticket purchased at Christmas was worth a cool $1 million. ELISHA DACEY

PM's handout hint

Cash for flood victims possible
Selinger also working on plan

Prime Minister Stephen Harper got a bird's-eye view of flood-ravaged southern Manitoba yesterday and held out the possibility of new financial aid for disaster-prone regions across the country.

"I do think … we have to take a look at more proactive financing arrangements for mitigation," Harper said after a helicopter tour of an area stretching from Portage la Prairie to Brandon.

"Those are discussions we'll be having in the months to come."

Harper made the announcement a few metres from giant sandbag dikes that are the only thing keeping the Assiniboine River from swamping hundreds of homes in low-lying areas of Brandon.

Summer threat

- Brandon city officials have warned the flood threat could last for weeks.
- "This may drag on for the whole summer," said Brian Kayes, Brandon's director of emergency services.
- Weather experts say the flooding is a once-in-300-years event.

Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger said his government is also working on a compensation program.

Selinger welcomed Harper's commitment to funding preventative measures as something that will "prevent human suffering (and) property losses."

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper, second left, with Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger beside him, tours dikes holding back the Assiniboine River in Brandon yesterday.

Mystery over reports Canadian deported to Iran

A Canadian journalist arrested in Syria has been deported to Iran, says her employer.

But Al-Jazeera news network and 39-year-old Dorothy Parvaz's family in British Columbia are anxiously awaiting any confirmation of her whereabouts.

Al-Jazeera said yesterday Parvaz has been deported from Syria to Iran, where she also has citizenship, and is now being held in Tehran.

The Qatar-based broadcaster added, "We are calling for information from the Iranian authorities, access to Dorothy, and for her immediate release.

"We have had no contact with Dorothy since she left Doha on April 29 and we are deeply concerned for her welfare."

Parvaz's father, Fred, who lives in North Vancouver, said someone from Al-Jazeera contacted the family to tell them Syrian officials sent Dorothy to Iran but that has yet to be confirmed.

"My concern is her safety," said Fred Parvaz.

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▶ Dorothy Parvaz is a dedicated journalist, her father says. "She wants to get the story out."

"As long as she's safe and she's being treated with dignity, I'm OK with it, but I need some information …

"I need somebody to say, yes, we have Dorothy."

He said his daughter has an uncle in Tehran who could see her, if he's given the opportunity and "if she indeed is in Tehran."

Parvaz said it has been a "very intense, very stressful" time for the family.

Parvaz said he would travel to Iran if it's confirmed she is there.

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The Parvaz file

- **The woman:** A graduate of the University of British Columbia, Dorothy Parvaz joined Al-Jazeera's English-language news network last year. She has Canadian, American and Iranian citizenship, her father said.
- **The detention:** She was held April 30 in Syria, where she was to cover anti-government protests.
- **The officials:** Canada is "engaging Iranian and Syrian authorities at high levels," Foreign Affairs said.

Wife sheds tears at Iggy's last farewell

Michael Ignatieff bade farewell to politics yesterday after a final Liberal caucus meeting with his colleagues.

"We leave politics with a sense of what a privilege it was and what an honour it was (to serve)," Ignatieff said as his wife, Zsuzsanna Zsohar, blinked back tears.

Liberals came together for the last time in Ottawa's historic Railway Committee Room, where the Opposition holds its weekly caucus meeting.

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Elusive MP meets the voters — at last

Elusive NDP rookie Ruth Ellen Brosseau yesterday finally visited the Quebec riding she'll represent in the House of Commons.

While she struggled a bit with the local language, she appeared to be making new friends.

"Everyone is very nice," Brosseau said in curt, passable French.

"I'm very excited."

Then, she added in English: "I'm very happy to be here."

Brosseau triumphed in the federal election despite living 300 kilometres away and working at a pub in Ontario.

She vacationed in Las Vegas during the election, had never set foot in her constituency, and supposedly didn't speak much French.

The perpetually smiling MP appeared to have won over a few people in Louiseville. One truck honked as it passed her on the main drag.

"She speaks French so well, it's surprising," said Louiseville mayor Guy Richard.

"I think we will have a very good MP."

Resident Daniel Ringuette said: "She has an accent but at least she speaks French."

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Deadliest tremors in 50 years hit Spain

Spain has about 2,500 earthquakes a year, says the National Geographic Institute Only a few are noticed

Two earthquakes struck southeast Spain in quick succession yesterday, killing at least 10 people, injuring dozens and causing major damage to buildings, officials said. It was the highest quake-related death toll in Spain in more than 50 years.

The epicentre of the quakes — with magnitudes of 4.4 and 5.2 — was close to the town of Lorca, and the second came about two hours later, an official with the Murcia regional government said.

The Murcia regional government said about 270 patients at a hospital were being evacuated after the building sustained minor damage. Dozens of injured people were being treated at the scene and a field hospital was set up.

The Spanish prime minister's office put the death toll at 10 and the Murcia administration said the deaths included a minor.

Large chunks of stone and brick fell from the facade of a church in Lorca as a reporter for Spanish state TV was broadcasting live from the scene. Spanish TV showed images of cars partially crushed by falling rubble and large cracks in buildings.

22 More than 22 earthquakes struck Spain yesterday, but two in quick succession proved deadly.

This was the deadliest quake in Spain since 1956, when 12 people died and some 70 were injured in the southern Granada region, according to the National Geographic Institute.

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Mona Lisa. Smile

▶ Archeologists excavate in underground tombs of the Convent of St. Ursula, in Florence, Italy, yesterday. They are looking for the remains of Renaissance woman Lisa Gherardini, believed to have posed for Leonardo Da Vinci's painting Mona Lisa.

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Da Vinci's muse found?

Researchers hope to identify bones belonging to Lisa Gherardini. If skull fragments are found, they may conduct a facial reconstruction to see if the features match the Mona Lisa.

Bin Laden urging small city attacks, letters find

Osama bin Laden kept pressing followers to find new ways to hit the U.S. while he was in hiding and his terror group was becoming fragmented, officials say, citing his journal and other documents found in last week's raid.

Strike smaller cities, bin Laden suggested. Target trains as well as planes. Above all, kill as many Americans as possible in a single attack.

Though he was out of the public eye and al-Qaida seemed to be weakening, bin Laden never yielded control.

His handwritten journal and collection of computer files reveal his involvement in every recent major al-Qaida threat, including plots in Europe last year.

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Tabloid pics of Kate's baby sis stir debate

As Prince William and Kate Middleton honeymoon in a secluded spot, the paparazzi who stalk them are back in the spotlight.

There's a brewing legal battle over publication of five-year-old photographs of bridesmaid Pippa Middleton sunbathing topless, and anger about gruesome photographs of the late Princess Diana in the moments after her 1997 car crash appearing in a documentary about her death.

The publication of the Pippa pictures — showing the 27-year-old on a powerboat with older sister Kate, who is wearing a revealing bikini, along with William in a red and white bathing suit — prompted the Middleton family to file a formal petition to Britain's independent Press Complaints Commission.

That complaint is seen as the first salvo in what is expected to be a conflict between the monarchy and the press as both sides try to establish boundaries in a new royal era defined by William and Middleton, now the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, and their determination to live a normal life.

The prince and his bride jetted off this week to a secret honeymoon spot that royal watchers believe was chosen specifically to keep them out of the lenses of the paparazzi.

"That and security would have been of primary importance," said Joe Little, managing editor of Majesty magazine. "We've known for a long time William would not stand for any nonsense regarding his new wife and her family."

PASCAL LE SEGRETAIN/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Pippa Middleton attends the wedding of her sister Kate Middleton to Prince William in London on April 29.

Many Britons — mindful of how Princess Diana was tracked by the paparazzi in the moments leading to her fatal car crash — want the new royal couple, and the rest of the Middleton clan, to be able to move about without facing a constant barrage of flashing cameras.

"I think they should be left alone to be honest, after what happened to Lady Diana," said Marla Quinn, a 43-year-old receptionist from Surrey.

The nation has been astir with news that "death photos" of Diana moments after her high-speed crash in a Paris tunnel will be shown in a new film about her death, Unlawful Killing, premiering at the Cannes Film Festival.

The Middleton family's complaint cites four British tabloids — the News of the World, Daily Mail, the Mail on Sunday and the Daily Mirror — for publishing photos that violated family privacy, including those of the sisters and William on the luxury boat off the coast off the Mediterranean island of Ibiza.

Other pictures of Pippa Middleton have also received wide exposure on the Internet and in various publications, including one of her dancing suggestively in a lavender bra and a flimsy white skirt with an unidentified man wearing boxer shorts. Sensitive pictures of younger brother James Middleton have also circulated on the Internet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cannibal suspect arrested

A would-be cannibal was arrested and in critical condition after being wounded in a gunfire with police during an undercover operation in Slovakia, officials said yesterday.

The 43-year-old suspect used the Internet to find a suicidal person who would agree to let him eat the body, police said. A Swiss citizen agreed but later changed his mind and informed authorities.

An undercover officer pretending he was the victim arrived in the eastern town of Kysak to meet the suspect, who opened fire seven times, striking an officer who remains in hospital in serious condition.

Slovak authorities said the suspect agreed on a plan with the would-be victim to intoxicate him and then stab him in the heart with a knife in nearby woods. After that, he wanted to cut the body into pieces and gradually take them to his home to eat them.

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DELIVERING THE GOODS

Canadian exports surge

Canada's trade surplus almost doubled in March, suggesting the strong loonie may not be as much of a drag on exports as feared. Statistics Canada said the value of exports outpaced imports by $627 million, up from a $356-million surplus in February.

In volume terms, exports have risen 12.4 per cent in the first three months of 2011, after a 16 per cent surge in the final quarter of last year, despite the persistent strength in the loonie.

"The high-flying Canadian dollar doesn't appear to be dampening enthusiasm for Canadian exports," said economist Benjamin Reitzes of BMO Capital Markets. "Overall, the rebound in international trade is very encouraging."

The trend bodes well for the economy and suggests firms are still able to sell to the rest of the world in a high-loonie context. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar	Oil	Natural gas 1,000 cu ft	Gold
– 222.32 13,419.74	– 0.37 (104.05¢ US)	– $5.67 US ($98.21 US)	$4.241 US (– 6.2¢ US)	$1,501.40 US (– $15.50 US)

Relief at the pumps — is it in the cards?

Barring disaster, we should see prices fall over the summer: Analysts

Gas prices could take a smaller bite from drivers' wallets today as volatile oil prices fall, but any lasting relief could take months to trickle down to the pump, energy analysts say.

Industry watcher Tomorrow's Gas Price Today predicted a price drop of six cents a litre overnight after Wednesday trading saw the price of crude oil to tumble to $98.21 US a barrel.

But short-term fluctuations in crude prices don't tend to have an impact on long-term retail fuel costs, and it will take a more prolonged drop to staunch the drain on pocketbooks, analysts said yesterday.

One reason pump prices are out of whack with crude oil is the effect of the "crack spread" — the profit margin made by refiners transforming crude into fuel for cars. While oil prices are driven by the ability to pull crude out of the ground and global energy demand, refiners try to gauge how demand for their product will be affected by factors such as weather, seasonal driving and refinery capacity. Then they set what they will charge retailers based on that demand forecast.

"It's a supply and demand thing. As inventories get drawn down and players need to make up their inventories, prices tend to get bid up," said Jason Parent, a senior partner at energy consultancy the Kent Group.

The crack spread should lessen in the months ahead, and gasoline prices should diminish over the summer, Parent projected. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Ouch! Make it stop! Gas prices in Toronto hit a record $1.41.1 a litre yesterday.

Google threatens to wipe Swiss off Street View map

Google is threatening to wipe photographs of streets and houses in Switzerland from its online maps unless the country's supreme court overturns a ruling requiring an absolute guarantee of anonymity for people captured by the popular Street View service.

The ruling last month by the Federal Administrative Court in Bern ordered Google to obscure identifying features such as skin colour and clothing from people photographed in the vicinity of "sensitive establishments," such as women's shelters, prisons, schools, courts and hospitals.

The court was responding to a complaint filed by Switzerland's data protection commissioner, Hanspeter Thuer, after he determined that Google's automatic face-blurring software wasn't 100 per cent accurate.

Google, which is based in Mountain View, Calif., claims the software has an accuracy rate of 99 per cent. But with some 212 million Street View images viewed in Switzerland since the launch of the service, the error margin runs in the millions.

During a court hearing in February, Thuer used a live version of Street View to demonstrate examples where the software failed to obscure faces of adults and children in public — including outside the court — and even inside private homes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Riding high: Google Street View captures the Matterhorn in Zermatt, Switzerland, in a publicity drive this year.

Public exposure

- **If Google goes through** with its threat, it would be the first time the company has permanently switched off Street View.
- **Last year, it bowed to** demands in Germany for users to be able to blur entire houses. In March Google was fined $136,400 in France because its cars illegally collected personal data from Wi-Fi networks.

JUMPIN' FUEL PRICES: IT'S NOT A GAS, GAS, GAS

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO

When gas prices rise, us media types say motorists "got a shock at the pumps," which is silly.

A shock would be if prices plummeted, or if I noticed the Old Spice guy in the next car. On the surprise meter, rising gas prices is between violence in the Middle East and Lindsay Lohan falling off the wagon.

Gas prices rise every summer. They have already skyrocketed in central Canada, and if the rest of you think you're immune I've got a used SUV for sale. Not only can I guarantee you at least one headline in your local paper that says, "Motorists steamed over gas prices" based on a scientific survey of three people filling up, but I'm pretty sure this year we'll finally see the story, "Full gas tank to become status symbol."

Gas prices provoke a lot of questions from motorists ("Are you @*#%$*~ kidding me?") but as a journalist who has covered this story every year for a decade, I have all the answers.

"On the surprise meter, rising gas prices is between violence in the Middle East and Lindsay Lohan falling off the wagon."

Q: Why are gas prices so high?

A: Gas prices rise whenever there is a change in the "world situation." When the world stops changing its situation, gas prices will stop rising.

Q: Where does the money go?

A: It's important to realize that only a small percentage of the money you pay goes toward gas. A breakdown:

- 33 per cent: Solar-Powered Car Company assassination fund
- 33 per cent: The middleman
- 33 per cent: Taxes used to investigate and regulate gas prices

That leaves one per cent for the oil companies, which is why they need government help to stay afloat. Check the web to see where you can donate.

Q: What role does speculation play?

A: It's important. For instance, speculators might note that the Atlantic contains a lot of moisture, which could eventually form a low-pressure system that could strike Barack Obama with a bolt of lightning, causing Iran to strike in America's moment of weakness. If speculators were to imagine this scenario, they would have no choice but to force gas prices higher until the end of the imaginary war.

Q: What are the long-term effects of price increases?

A: Young drivers with large vehicles are looking at the legacy their parents have left them and coming to the same conclusion: No kids, ever.

As you can see, not much can be done about gas prices. That might seem glib, but I'm actually bringing journalistic objectivity to bear: I've never owned a car. I can talk the talk because I walk the walk, whether I want to or not.

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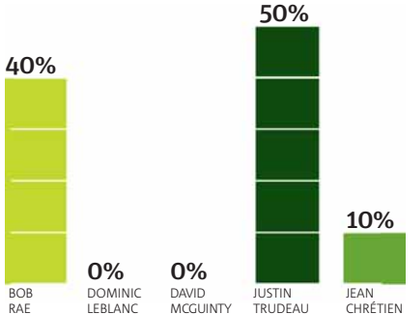
Who should lead the federal Liberal party?



Local tweets

- **@Tskomro:** Selective enforcement? "... police not stopping cars crossing bridge where drivers were clearly yakking on their cellphones." @metrowinnipeg
- **@ManitobaMaz:** @Paul_Hesse @metrowinnipeg Ticketing cyclists is a good thing, they should have to obey the laws just like everyone else.
- **@jimtoddphoto:** To City of Winnipeg "forward thinkers." Painting little bicycles on the side of the road doesn't make the road any wider.
- **@cleszczynski:** I'm liking all of the new "Butt Out" stations along Portage Ave. Complete with tulips and pussywillows. #Downtown #Winnipeg
- **@Sweater_Meat:** #winnipeg Mpic still rippin off customers. Got rebate today not 45% a lot less even broker said not right amount!
- **@JessicaRedfield:** I'd LOVE to hear the comments from the reporters that have said over and over again that the Yotes were moving to Winnipeg #FootMeetMouth

Letters

Re: Cyclists dinged for sidewalk riding (Metro, May 11)

WINNIPEG. As a pedestrian who uses this bridge to walk to work everyday, THANK YOU Winnipeg police. The fact is that cyclists are using this construction as an excuse. Their use of the sidewalk and disregard for the very clear signs that indicate they should not be cycling on the sidewalk has been a year round problem since I moved here two years ago. Even after the ticketing yesterday, I was almost hit again on the bridge this morning by a cyclist.
GLENNA MCCLENAHAN

WINNIPEG. As a pedestrian as well as a cyclist, I think this ticketing deal is baloney! How can the city justify ticketing someone biking on the sidewalk when the cars don't see us when we're on the road?

I've been sideswiped, knocked over, cut off, rear-ended AND been flipped over a car, all while trying to abide by the rules. I don't mind one bit if there is a cyclist on the sidewalk, so long as they have the respect to move cautiously through the crowds, or dismount in a large crowd. **STEPHANIE BAATZ**

Cartoon by Michael de Adder

WEIRD NEWS

Mayor McCheese return address gave it away

If you get a letter from Britain's No. 10 Downing Street, don't bother with a personalized response. The person who signed it probably used a fake name.

Downing Street says that, for years, staff at the British prime minister's office have been using bogus names in their correspondence with members of the public.

It says that use of pseudonyms was introduced in 2005, after an official was tracked down by a constituent she had been in contact with and threatened at her home address.

But the practice didn't come to light until yesterday, when the country's Channel 4 News exposed one such official as being imaginary. Downing Street said it was now looking in to an alternative to using pseudonyms in its letters to the public.

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Musical compliment

When the Peking Acrobats come to town, the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra will add an extra dimension

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Possessing Spiderman-like agility, Mr. Fantastic-esque elasticity and Hulk-like strength, The Peking Acrobats are The Avengers of the circus world.

The superhuman Chinese troupe of tumblers, jugglers, wire-walkers, cyclists and contortionists will be complemented by the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra as part of its popular Pops series.

"Complement is a good word," says WSO resident conductor Richard Lee, 40.

"It would be hard to steal the show because we're not doing what they're doing and not capable of it either. We're playing music that will heighten the experience, adding an extra dimension."

To enhance the already amazing acrobatics, the WSO will provide traditional Chinese music, a style of song that's not-so familiar to the company.

"There's no question that we want to play a lot of really good Western classical music, but we also appreciate the other kinds of things we do, whether it's Pink Floyd or traditional Chinese music," Lee says.

"The broader the range the more interesting our jobs are."

With The Peking Acrobats, Pops and events like The New Music Festival and the Indigenous Festival, the WSO aims to attract audiences that might not normally gravitate towards classical music.

"I think we do a much better job than a lot of orchestras at finding varied programming," Lee says.

WSO Pops: The Peking Acrobats goes down May 13, 8 p.m., May 14, 8 p.m. and May 15, 2 p.m. at the Centennial Concert Hall.

Tickets range from $27.50 to $88.75 and are available through the WSO (wso.ca and 949-3999) and Ticketmaster.

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▶ The Peking Acrobats are pictured in action.

Britney in ink

Britney Spears is the subject of a new one-shot comic book courtesy of Bluewater Productions Inc.'s ongoing Fame series that has seen it profile other celebrities, including Lady Gaga and actors Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart, among others. The publisher has also done comic book bios of Sarah Palin, Hilary Rodham Clinton and President Barack Obama. The Spears comic will focus on her rise to stardom, her documented private life and her efforts to be understood. The issue was set to be released yesterday in comic book stores and online retailers.
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GMA Summer Concert Series to kick off with Lady Gaga; Beyoncé, Brad Paisley are also on tap. Scan code for story.

Judging at Cannes a 'vacation': De Niro

Seeing, and judging, 20 movies in just over 10 days is not everyone's idea of a holiday. But not everyone is Robert De Niro.

The Academy Award-winning actor is heading this year's Cannes Film Festival judging panel — and said yesterday he's looking forward to the break from his usual routine.

"It's a bit of a vacation," said De Niro, who also has directed two features and is co-founder of New York's Tribeca Film Festival.

"I can focus on the films and not have the distractions I normally would have in my everyday life."

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▶ President of the Jury Robert De Niro poses during a photo call at the 64th international film festival, in Cannes, southern France, yesterday.

"I came to get inspired and remind me of the best of why we've devoted our lives to making movies."
CANNES JUDGE UMA THURMAN

De Niro — famously a man of few words in interviews and press conferences — said he had no firm guidelines to offer his fellow judges, who include actors Jude Law and Uma Thurman, Norwegian critic and writer Linn Ullmann and directors Olivier Assayas of France and Johnny To of Hong Kong.

Before the 64th Cannes film festival ends on May 22, they will pick a winner of the Palme d'Or, the festival's top trophy, from 20 films that include new movies from Cannes favourites Lars von Trier, Pedro Almodovar and Terrence Malick.

"I'm not sure what I'm looking for," said De Niro, who first came to Cannes in 1976 as the star of Taxi Driver.

The film won that year's Palme d'Or — as did another film he starred in, The Mission, in 1986.

"I'm sitting there watching the movies and we'll figure it out," he said. "It's all up for grabs at this point."
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▶ Lady Gaga.

Gaga over FarmVille

Singer debuting songs from her new album on popular online game

Lady Gaga is turning to an unusual method to cultivate her fan base: The pop icon is releasing songs from her new album on a section of the popular online game FarmVille before they can be heard anywhere else.

The singer, known for her outrageous styles will allow singles from Born This Way (due out May 23) to be heard within a specially-created farm, called GagaVille, in the game. Players will have to complete tasks to hear one exclusive new track per day streamed online from May 17 to 19. Starting on May 20, players will be also able to unlock additional songs that aren't exclusive.

FarmVille is one of the most popular games on Facebook, played by about 46 million people worldwide and makes money by players buying game pieces. The parties wouldn't disclose any financial terms, or even comment on whether money was being exchanged.

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A missing member

Beastie Boys releasing new album as Adam Yaunch deals with cancer

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▶ Adam "Ad-Rock" Horovitz, Adam "MCA" Yauch, and Michael "Mike D" Diamond.

It's been 25 years since the Beastie Boys released Licensed to Ill and proved three bratty Jewish guys from New York could deliver hip-hop as deliciously as Run-D.M.C. Despite grey hair for Adam "Ad-Rock" Horowitz, fatherhood for Michael "Mike D" Diamond and cancer for Adam "MCA" Yauch, the group is as goofy as ever, as evidenced by the old-school flavour on their new album, Hot Sauce Committee Part Two.

Yauch, who discovered he had cancer of the salivary gland in 2009, is notably absent. He's still undergoing treatment.

"It's hard that he's not here, but it;d be harder for him to be here," Diamond says.

Yauch's condition has put the tight-knit group's near future in limbo.

"It is what is," Horowitz says. "You deal with it. He's getting treatment. That's the most important thing. We've been friends since 1980. All of this doesn't matter. If we go on tour, we go on tour. If don't go, we don't go. We'll figure it out. Yauch getting better is the most important thing right now."

The Beastie Boys' first lyrical effort in seven years — 2007s The Mix Up was an instrumental affair — is a return to the group's signature roots of uncomplicated beats and clever rhymes.

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Schwarzenegger: one day at a time

Grateful for friends' support after split from Shriver

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Arnold Schwarzenegger has spoken out for the first time about his separation from Maria Shriver this week. "We both love each other very much. And we're taking it one day at a time," the former California governor says, according to Hollyscoop.

"I just spoke to Maria an hour ago before I came here. We both were saying the same thing — we're extremely blessed to be surrounded by so many wonderful people, by so many wonderful friends."

Shriver has reportedly been living at the Beverly Hills hotel for months and stopped wearing her wedding ring in March, while Schwarzenegger was spotted biking with his son Tuesday sans ring. METRO

▶ Arnold Schwarzenegger

▶ Maria Shriver

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▶ Paul McCartney

Sir Paul: hopeful romantic

Paul McCartney is reportedly heading into his marriage to Nancy Shevell with no prenuptial agreement, according to Popeater.

"His friends and business advisers think he's crazy after what happened with his ex, but Paul is insisting Nancy is no Heather," a source says. "There's no need to make marriage a business arrangement."

But the Daily Mail reports that, while there's no traditional prenup, the former Beatle did have a single-page agreement drawn up stating that, should the marriage sour, Shevell won't go after McCartney's children's trust funds.

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Celebrity tweets

@PSchwarzenegger

Appreciate all your messages. Small speed bump In life, luckily we own hummers, we will cruise right over it. All will be okay.

@JessicaSimpson

My Godson just said that God is little and big... If he only knew how profound that statement is...

@AlbertBrooks

Just about to go on David Letterman. Saving anything funny now for the show...

@JonahHill

You know you're in New Orleans when you see a grandfather spill his entire Jack on the rocks in his 4 year old granddaughter's face at 11am.

Sarah admits that wedding snub hurt

Sarah Ferguson admits not being invited to the recent Royal Wedding was "so difficult" for her.

"I went through the phase of feeling so totally worthless and that [it] was quite right they didn't invite me.

"Why would they?" she tells Oprah Winfrey during an interview. "The last bride up that aisle was me."

So when it came time for the big day, Ferguson wasn't in London. "I chose to go and be in Thailand in a place called Camelia," she says. "The jungle embraced me." METRO

▶ Sarah Ferguson

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Jewelry leads to bracelet for Lohan?

Lindsay Lohan likely won't be spending any time in jail for her stealing a necklace from a jewelry store, a charge that was knocked down to a misdemeanor last month.

Between overcrowding issues in L.A. jails and time off for good behaviour, Lohan's 120-day jail sentence is expected to actually be 14 days, according to TMZ.

And, with a no-contest plea, Lohan will most likely spend the two weeks at home with an electronic monitoring bracelet rather than behind bars. METRO

HE WEARS, SHE WEARS

Fashion is increasingly blurring the lines between women's and men's wear. But in real-life the sexes are still divided when it comes to what looks good on whom

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON

It's hard to pinpoint exactly when the gender-bending undercurrent began to flow through fashion. Whether it's Coco Chanel lounging around in men's pyjamas or Yves Saint Laurent designing his famous Le Smoking tuxedo for women, mannish looks on women have never really gone out of style.

But in the past two years, androgyny has become increasingly trendy. Just when you think it's about to die down, it surges back up again, starting with the boyfriend jacket and jean phenomenon that swept 2008 and moving on through to fashion's current obsession with suiting and tailoring. Meanwhile, H&M has gone unisex for its new Fashion Against AIDS collection, which hit stores last week, and CK One now includes jeans and underwear for both men and women. On the high fashion front, designer Rad Hourani continues to earn buzz — and critical acclaim — for his genderless collection of separates.

Factor in the fact that designers are increasingly showing more continuity between their men's and women's collections with some looks practically mirroring each other and you have a full-on moment.

But are the personal style sensibilities of women and men really merging off the runway? Ask any woman what her boyfriend prefers to see her in, and nine times out of 10, she'll say a t-shirt and jeans, not the elaborate looks she's bookmarked on her favourite street style blogs.

▶ The Misshapes modeling unisex looks from H&M's latest.

The Battle of the Sexes

EMILY ANNE EPSTEIN

▶ Paul Kodila, radio producer
▶ Alexis Tirado, writer

RICHARD PECKETT

▶ Max Vitiello, gardener
▶ Laura Milne, voice-over agent

Two couples on opposite sides of the Atlantic rate the spring trends on a scale of one to 10.

'70s shorts for men

Paul: "Every year I watch people go to the US Open dressed like Roger Federer is going to hand them a racquet. Tennis apparel should stay on the tennis court." **1**

Alexis: "Love this! It's a fresh and fun twist on summer shorts for men." **9**

Mandals

Paul: "There are three people who could wear the mandal: Moses, Caesar and Jesus." **0**

Alexis: "I agree. This is the worst trend since Uggs." **0**

Max: "I've got a pair of Birkenstocks and I when put them on recently, and I thought, 'I look like an old mathematics teacher." **4**

Laura: "They're a bit feminine, basically like a gladiator women's shoe. I'm going to rock this look soon and I don't want to see a guy wearing the same sandals as me." **2**

Flares for women

Paul: "I'm a shoe guy and it's like buying a Ferrari and putting a cover over it." **2**

Max: "I think they look silly. I'm a fan of skinny jeans because I like the natural shape of legs." **6**

Fruit dresses for women

Laura: "I think it's fun and I do like it but I've tried to steer away from this look because I used to dress like this as a kid." **8**

Max: "I don't know, not such a fan. It looks like my Mum's tabletop in 1974, which was still there in 1988." **5**

RICHARD PECKETT AND TINA CHADHA

3 life

A go or no?

If your partner doesn't like an outfit do you stop wearing it?

- **Paul:** "Yes. When it comes to my wardrobe, she's the boss!"
- **Alexis:** "No. He hates this jacket and I still wear it!"
- **Max:** "If she hated something I would stop wearing it."
- **Laura:** "NO! I'm stubborn. He'd have to learn to like it."

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Creative director MacGibbon exits Chloe fashion house; replaced by Pringle designer

Giving your home that good old country feel

Country decor need not be just adding some lace and funny wallpaper There are many simple and easy ways to get that country feel that is both casual and chic Cleaner lines, neutral colours are the way to go

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▶ Country decor has gotten a bad rap over the years, but new trends and ideas are giving new life to country style.

Although the most popular style of decorating, country decor has gotten a bit of a bad rap over the past 20 years. The frilly looks of lace curtains, duck or cow wallpaper borders and the pickled-pine furniture may have been over-used just a wee bit.

There's a new country trend emerging. It's a cleaner-lined no-fuss style that offers a calm and relaxing atmosphere appealing to those that want a casual, yet chic place to live. The colours are updated neutrals like grey, white and taupe with pops of strong colour for sharp surprises. Here's how to get the look.

Flooring

Keep floors dramatic with light or dark options. Painting old wooden floors is a great way to get a bright clean look. Choose a high-gloss white or pale grey paint colour for a smooth, shiny surface that almost looks like plastic. The lighter the colour the more light you will bounce around your space making it feel brighter. If carpeting is your thing then have fun with inexpensive carpet tiles and create a modern checkerboard with carpet squares; a great option for a family room or child's play area that is attractive and eco-friendly.

Paint colours

White, pale grey and soft blue are great colours to keep a room feeling bright and fresh. Consider painting one wall in the room a punchy or dramatic colour to draw attention to the room's focal point such as behind a headboard in a bedroom or the television in the living area.

Furniture styles

There are two extreme looks that seem to compliment each other quite well for the country look. Ornate and fancy traditional furniture that is simplified by a dramatic stain or paint colour, and then an elle-natural wood finish with a soft grey patina. Painting an old colonial china cabinet with a bright, glossy coral red will add punch to the room and make an old furniture piece look hip again.

For a natural look, simply have an old piece of furniture sanded down to the natural wood and then wax it to a soft polish. You'll take an ornate furniture piece and give it a more casual feel.

Lighting

Industrial or outdoor style lighting like hanging barn pendants and gooseneck wall sconces will add a raw country style to a room.

You can now find reproductions to help cast an edginess of light to your space at places like Home Depot and other large home stores. Just visit the outdoor lighting section rather than the indoor section.

These lamps will add a industrial charm to your space.

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▶ Fine feathered flooring

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▶ Modern country look

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▶ Modern Windsor chair

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▶ Road to Damascus

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▶ Curcina table.

Outdoor heaters a great way to extend patio season

As Canadians, we look forward to patio season and whether we're grilling, entertaining or kicking back in a lounge chair, the season is never long enough.

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Stand it

Appropriate for a deck or patio with a larger sitting area, free–standing units spread warmth evenly to a broader area.

Available in a variety of finishes, free–standing heaters come in both natural gas and propane formats.

Move it

Lightweight and portable, table–top heaters can be moved from table to sitting area. Look for safety features such as an automatic shut off, tip over protection system and safety grill guard.

Hang it

Enjoy evenings in your gazebo or pergola with the addition of a hanging heater. Look for one that uses infrared technology to ensure it is not affected by the wind.

In addition to offering warmth on cool evenings, it also provides beautiful ambient lighting. Many gazebos and pergolas come with a hanging hook, making installation a breeze.

Fold it

Perfect for smaller backyard areas, umbrella heaters add warmth to your evenings. They attach easily and safely to an existing patio umbrella, heating up to 10 square metres and conveniently fold up when the umbrella is closed.

NEWS CANADA

Blend simple spices for perfect Chicken Dukka

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When it comes to weeknight cooking, the most basic of basics is the boneless, skinless chicken breast. For this recipe, the inspiration was dukka, a classic Egyptian spice blend. We, however, used an easy-to-make version since finding the Egyptian spices may be a challenge.

Preparation:

1. **Dukka:** In a mortar and pestle, combine and crush sesame seeds, 2 ml (1/2 tsp) of salt, cumin, peppercorns and paprika. Set aside.
2. Lay each chicken breast on cutting surface and slice across centre horizontally to create 2 thin halves. Sprinkle each one on all sides with salt and pepper. Set aside.
3. In skillet over medium-high, melt butter. Cook meat 4 minutes per side.
4. Spread a bit of the hummus over each piece of bread, then top with a piece of chicken. Spoon diced egg over chicken, then sprinkle with dukka spice blend.

Ingredients:

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) sesame seeds
- Kosher salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground cumin
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) whole black peppercorns
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) smoked paprika
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- Ground black pepper
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter
- 500 g (16 oz) hummus
- 30-cm (12-inch) baguette, sliced into 8 long oblongs
- 4 hard-boiled eggs, diced

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Mediterranean Vermicelli

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This vermicelli and tuna combo is a fun and nutritious dish to serve to children who may be fussy about eating fish but are fond of noodles.

Preparation:

1. Place noodles in a bowl and pour boiling water over them; soak for 4 minutes.
2. In a pan on medium high heat, lightly sauté tuna.
3. Slice red pepper and sun-dried tomatoes (reserve 15 ml/1 tbsp oil from each jar).
4. Drain noodles. In a large bowl, stir noodles with all the ingredients including reserved oil. Pour additional 15 ml (1 tbsp) oils onto mixture for extra flavour. Serve immediately.

Ingredients:

- 165 g (6 oz) vermicelli noodles (fine width)
- 2 cans flaked light tuna (lemon and pepper flavour)
- 1 roasted pepper from a jar (from a jar)
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) sun-dried tomatoes (from a jar)
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) sliced black olives (from a jar)

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Huge comebacks now not so rare

The Philadelphia Flyers, Chicago Blackhawks and now the Detroit Red Wings have all breathed new life into NHL playoff comebacks that once seemed impossible.

After 35 years and 112 consecutive series without a comeback from a 3-0 deficit, the Red Wings have become the third team in the past 12 months to be in that position and force a Game 7. The deciding game is tonight against the San Jose Sharks.

"The more comebacks that happen, the more teams believe, 'Hey, we can do this and it's possible,'" said Tampa Bay Lightning general manager Steve Yzerman.

The Flyers shocked the hockey world last May when they knocked off the Boston Bruins after trailing the Eastern Conference semifinal 3-0, just the third comeback victory of its kind.

The Blackhawks almost did the same in the first round this year when they battled back from a 3-0 deficit against the Vancouver Canucks, only to fall short in a Game 7 loss.

Yzerman called the comebacks "great for our league" and said "competitive parity" is a factor for their sudden regularity.

The Red Wings-Sharks series illustrates that. It has been tied or separated by a single goal for 336 out of 376 total minutes, or 90 per cent of the series.

"The games are so close," Yzerman said. "Every single game is one goal and it can go either way, so the teams that fall behind (in the series), as long as they don't get discouraged and don't make any (unnecessary) adjustments, there's always hope." MATTHEW WUEST

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"I have no plans to return. Today, I'm sure. What it's going to be like in six months, I'm not sure."

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Too close to call

Sharks hope to avoid adding huge collapse to list of playoff woes

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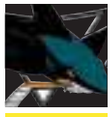
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Depending on how the numbers are crunched, a compelling case can be made that the Detroit Red Wings and San Jose Sharks both have the edge going into their improbable Game 7.

In a playoff season full of overtimes, one-goal games and road wins, this one truly is a toss-up.

The Wings can take solace in Chicago taking Presidents' Trophy-winning Vancouver to the brink in the first round. But the Blackhawks fell short in overtime of Game 7 after winning three straight.

Ah yes, overtime.

There have been lots of those in this year's playoffs — 20 in the first 69 games. Here is where you can add a check mark in the Sharks' column. San Jose is 5-0 in overtime in this post-season, including two wins against Detroit as it built what seemed to be an insurmountable lead.

"They're having a good run," Red Wings forward Henrik Zetterberg said of the Sharks. "Once you start winning a few games in overtime, you start believing in yourself."

Between 1976 and 2010, of the 112 series in which a team led 3-0 none needed a Game 7. There have been 167 leads of 3-0, with only 1.8 per cent of teams blowing them.

Only the 2004 Boston Red Sox have done it in baseball history. No NBA team has pulled off the feat.

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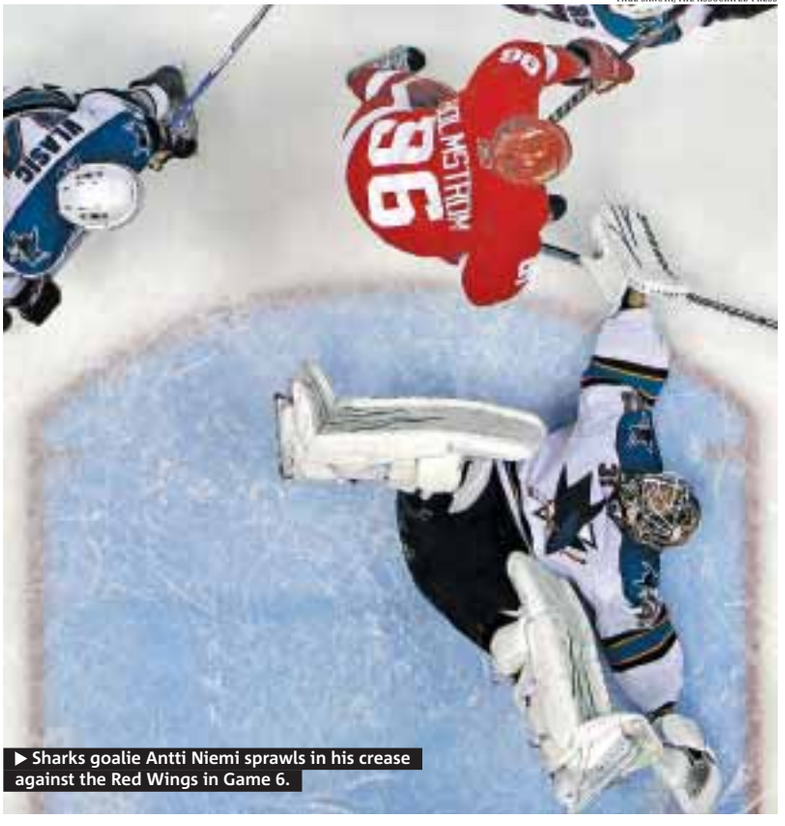

▶ Sharks goalie Antti Niemi sprawls in his crease against the Red Wings in Game 6.

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Celtics succumb to Heat

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▶ LeBron James

Dwyane Wade scored 34 points, LeBron James put Miami up for good with a three-pointer with 2:10 left and finished with 33, and the Heat scored the final 16 points to top Boston 97-87 last night to win their East semifinal in five games.

James came to Miami in part to improve his chances to beat the Celtics, and the move paid off. Boston ended two of his last three post-season runs with Cleveland.

Chris Bosh had 14 points and 11 rebounds for Miami. Ray Allen led the Celtics with 18 points.

Next up for Miami: Either Chicago or Atlanta. The Bulls lead 3-2.

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Sports in brief

Arizona holds on to Coyotes

NHL. Glendale city council has voted to pay the NHL $25 million US in operating costs to keep the Coyotes in Phoenix. The vote on Tuesday night came a week after the league exercised its option to cash in $25 million pledged by the city a year ago.

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Hejduk signs deal with Avs

NHL. The Colorado Avalanche have signed forward Milan Hejduk to a one-year contract through 2011-12. The Denver Post reported the deal was worth $2.6 million US.

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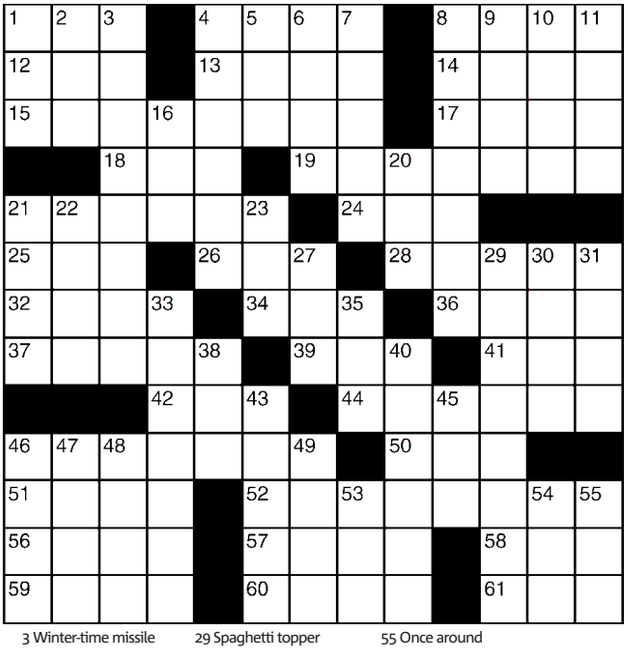

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24 Suits — T
25 With 14-Across, monkey's talk in an old silly song
26 Greet the villain
28 He's had some bad hare days
32 Spring melody
34 Insult (Sl.)
36 — Strauss & Co.
37 Big brawl
39 Varnish ingredient
41 Lend a hand
42 Coach Parseghian
44 Rook
46 Snooker need
50 Horde
51 Killer whale
52 Human dynamo
56 Marx or Malden
57 "American —"
58 Meadow
59 Hebrew month
60 A very long time
61 Back talk

Down

1 Sprite
2 Long March chairman
3 Winter-time missile
4 Mingle
5 — pinch
6 1973 Toni Morrison novel
7 Divided
8 Kook
9 Songwriter DioGuardi
10 First victim
11 Sailing vessel
16 — Paulo
20 Fish eggs
21 Soothing ointment
22 Rose's love
23 Affirmative action?
27 Lubricate
29 Spaghetti topper
30 Wicked
31 Take the bus
33 Brewing gizmo
35 Anatomical pouch
38 Pitcher's stat
40 Desert caravan
43 Role for Michael Caine or Jude Law
45 Weep loudly
46 Furnace fuel
47 Caspian feeder
48 Beige
49 Chic beach resort
53 Director Howard
54 Floral garland
55 Once around

▶ Yesterday's answer

H	A	Y	■	C	U	S	S	■	M	E	O	W
A	G	O	■	A	G	U	E	■	O	R	E	O
N	A	Y	■	T	H	E	M	E	P	A	R	K
G	R	O	A	N	■	■	I	M	P	■	■	■
■	■	■	T	A	W	A	■	S	E	D	A	N
B	A	L	L	P	A	R	K	■	T	A	C	O
A	H	A	■	S	L	I	N	G	■	N	E	O
B	A	S	K	■	D	E	E	R	P	A	R	K
A	B	H	O	R	■	S	W	A	T	■	■	■
■	■	■	W	A	S	■	■	C	A	D	E	T
S	O	U	T	H	P	A	R	K	■	U	S	A
A	U	T	O	■	E	V	I	L	■	A	P	T
C	R	E	W	■	C	E	D	E	■	L	Y	E

Sudoku

	4		9	1	8		7	
7								9
		5				4		
9	3		8		7		4	6
				9				
6	8		2		1		3	5
		3				2		
4								7
	7		5	6	4		8	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

5	2	6	4	7	3	9	8	1
9	4	3	6	1	8	2	7	5
7	1	8	2	5	9	3	6	4
1	5	7	3	4	2	6	9	8
6	3	4	8	9	5	1	2	7
2	8	9	1	6	7	4	5	3
3	9	1	5	8	6	7	4	2
4	7	5	9	2	1	8	3	6
8	6	2	7	3	4	5	1	9

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JC, I love you so much and hope tomorrow will go well. I no changes are happening in our lives but I will always be by your side <3 **ANDI**

Milkshake, I just wanted to let you know that I love you. I wanted to thank you for sticking with me, making me feel so complete, and helping me through all my problems. I've felt more than anyone could even try to make me feel and for that, I thank you. I love you, happy 2 months! **FRENCH FRY**

bunches
you drive me crazy, I think of you all the time, if only fate had the same paths for us to be happy together it would be amazing. Just know that your neighbour is there and will always have a spot for you in her heart! hugs and kisses babe! **NEIGHBOUR**

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Jenna Khan, Weather Specialist

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TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Min 2°	Min 5°	Min 7°
Max 9°	Max 9°	Max 16°

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Use your energy to finish tasks you started but allowed to drift.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You must try not to force people to do things against their will. It will work against you.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 If you want to get somewhere worth going, rely on someone who knows the way.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Not everyone is as honest as you. You need to keep that fact in mind at all times today.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Someone in a position of authority will make you a great offer today.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Now is the time to stop dreaming and start doing. Go for it.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Jealousy will rear its ugly head today. You could find yourself saying things you don't mean.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 The odds are high that you will fall out with someone you have feelings for today. The pressure has been building.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 The best way to deal with a problem is attack it, head on.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You don't have to do everything at a rate of knots. More haste, less speed.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Try not to let a minor matter assume more importance than it deserves. No need for tears.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Do you have something to prove? If so, it's time to get over it.

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